

# Newsletter



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Dear Parents

There have been plenty of fun activities over the past few weeks. At the sponsored event last Tuesday, many children got into the spirit of the day by wearing homemade hats. Congratulations to the class winners, who were given school stationery as prizes (see photo below). The event has raised a lot of money for Mary's Meals. The cheque will be handed over to a representative of the charity at their presentation tomorrow, **Wednesday 10 March at 3pm** (parents welcome). Details of the amount raised together with photos from the event will be available on the website soon.



We held a very successful World Book Day last Thursday and there are lots of photos on display in the downstairs corridor area. These will also shortly be available on the website.

I would like to thank all those parents who handed in their Consultation Document. The feedback was most useful and a number of suggestions made will be acted on over the forthcoming weeks. In due course we hope to provide parents with more detailed information from the whole process.

Congratulations to all those children in Year 6 who have done so well getting into excellent secondary schools. I would like to thank both parents and children for all their hard work and dedication.

## ASSEMBLIES

A reminder about the **Brunel** House assembly on **Friday 12 March at 8.50am**. The Year 2 class assembly will be held on **Friday 26 March at 8.50am**. All parents are welcome.

## JRSO COMPETITION

Well done to everyone who entered the 'weather warning' poster competition launched by the Junior Road Safety Officers Nia Ledgister & Ona Ojo. Congratulations to the winners from each class.

## UPPER JUNIOR PRODUCTION

The Year 5 & 6 production of *'The Complete History of the World'* will be performed on **Wednesday 17 March at 2pm** (slightly earlier than originally announced) and on **Friday 19 March at 7.30pm**. Tickets are priced at £2 for the matinee and £5 for the evening; these will be available at the door (children and senior citizens free!).

For the Friday performance, the children will need to be in school by **6.30pm** in uniform. Girls with long hair should have it tied back, and all children should bring in their plimsolls by this Friday. A professional video recording will be made and order forms are attached for those classes. These should be handed in on the night or returned to the school office by the Monday following the performance. Please note that no photographs may be taken during the performance, however parents will have an opportunity to take photos once the play is over. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm and during the interval, so parents are encouraged to stay once they have dropped off their children.



## SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to the U11 boys tag rugby squad who beat the Lodge in their match last week. The girls netball B team won their match but the A team lost theirs. Well done to the players of the match Ben Charnock, Sophie Grey & Ophelia Chan.

The U9 boys tag rugby A team beat the Study in their match yesterday, but the B team lost. Congratulations to Toby Danielson & Peter Tully who were awarded player of the match in their respective games.

The last fixtures this term are an U11 girls netball tournament at Royal Russell on **Monday 15 March from 1pm**, and an U11 boys football tournament at the Lodge on **Wednesday 24 March from 1.30pm**. Separate letters with more details will be issued to all participants.

The cross-country event at Warlingham Park has now been rescheduled for **Monday 22 March at 2pm**. Boys and girls from Years 5 & 6 will be participating.

A reminder about Mrs Osman's running club to be held at 1pm on Saturdays (please meet at Riddlesdown Common car park). Parents should register directly with Mrs Osman using the separate flyers sent home.

## SCHOOL VISITS

On **Thursday 11 March**, Year 3 will be visiting the London Zoo as part of their Science topic on 'movement'.

Year 2 will be visiting the 'Fire, Fire' storytelling session at the Museum of London on **Wednesday 17 March**.

On **Tuesday 23 March**, the Year 5 children will be going to Bough Beech to further their geography studies on 'water'.

## NURSERY NEWS.....

The nursery children thoroughly enjoyed their obstacle course challenge for the sponsored event (see the photo below and others are displayed outside the classroom).



As part of our preparation for Lent, we have been discussing the daily activities recorded on the Lenten calendar provided to all nursery children. During circle time we have also been talking about how we can prepare for the Easter celebration.

Fairy tales and nursery rhymes are the topics for both classes this half-term, so why not try to tell some stories and sing some of your favourite rhymes at home?

### Merit Badge

Merit Badges for the past 2 weeks were awarded to:



**Reception P:** Angelica James & Elena Torre

**Reception M:** Oliver Williams & Nayana Reynolds-Boison

**Year 1:** Nicholas Burrough & Ben de Sousa

**Year 2:** Omonike Ogunbusola & Shannon Mathew

**Year 3:** Alisha Bissoondoyal & Daniela Schifano

**Year 4:** Maria Kennefick & Joseph Phillips

**Year 5:** Meera Shah & Marissa Murray

**Year 6:** Yelaina McFarlane & Jaden Cobby

**Congratulations children!**

# SAVE THE DATES

## WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH

Year 4 trip to National Maritime Museum

Mary's Meals presentation – 3pm

Parent/teacher meetings (4.30 – 7pm)

## THURSDAY 11 MARCH

Year 3 trip to London Zoo

## FRIDAY 12 MARCH

Brunel House Assembly – 8.50am

## MONDAY 15 MARCH

U11 girls netball tournament (1 – 4.30pm)

## WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH

Year 2 trip to Museum of London

Upper Junior Production – 2pm

## FRIDAY 19 MARCH

Upper Junior Production – 7.30pm

## MONDAY 22 MARCH

U11 Warlingham Park cross-country – 2pm

## TUESDAY 23 MARCH

Year 5 trip to Bough Beech

## WEDNESDAY 24 MARCH

U11 football tournament (1.30 – 4pm)

## FRIDAY 26 MARCH

Year 2 class assembly – 8.50am

School closes for Easter holidays

## MONDAY 29 MARCH

Lenten retreat for ladies begins

(separate flyers will be issued)

## THURSDAY 15 APRIL

School re-opens

## VOUCHERS

We are once again collecting Tesco & Sainsbury vouchers, so please put any tokens in the relevant boxes in the entrance lobby. Last year we received a class set of headphones with built-in microphones and a video camera from Tesco. We received lots of sports & playground equipment from Sainsbury's, including stepping stones, balls, bean bags, parachutes and hoops. These make a considerable contribution to our resources so all tokens are gratefully received.

# PAT NEWS

Since our last column in the newsletter at the beginning of the year we have been very busy behind and in front of the scenes of life at Oakwood.

For those readers who don't know us, the PAT (Parental Activities Team) is a team of parents who help make things happen! We are involved in a range of activities from providing refreshments at open days and functions, to organising fundraising events both large and small. We arrange the Annual Barbecue and Fun Day and Parents' Dinner and help the year finish off with a bang by providing top quality refreshments at the end of year Prizegiving. Most importantly we are here to help parents, teachers and children enjoy the life of Oakwood.

We are now half way through the school year and we'd like to tell you about some changes in the faces on the PAT. Marie-Angeline Alting von Geusau has stepped down from the main team to concentrate primarily on costumes for productions. We would like to thank her very much for all the hard work she has put in over the past 6 years. We also thank Helen Preest for all the work she has contributed to the PAT. She has had to step down due to work commitments but will still be around to help out here and there. Coming on to the team now we have Jane Phillips who will take over from Marie-Angeline as the PAT co-ordinator. In case you don't know who your class rep is on the PAT, here are their names again:

Nursery: Belen Alvarez, Carmen Prosser and Ann Jarvis  
Reception: Jan Green, Liz Williams & Micky Alongi  
Yr 1: Allison Burrough, Michelle de Sousa & Jackie Jasiczak  
Yr 2: Louise O'Shea  
Yr 4: Sally Murray  
Yr 5: Kim Porter

As you can see we have vacancies which we would very much like to fill in Years 3 and 6 so if you would like to join our team and help your school – even for a short while – please let Mrs Clarke know in the office.

We have a rota of events that the PAT members get involved in so the more we have the less of a burden it is on everyone. Our next events are the junior productions on 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm and 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm, so if anybody would like to get involved with the refreshments for these – particularly from Years 5 & 6 – please contact Jane Phillips on [mrsjphillips@aol.com](mailto:mrsjphillips@aol.com), or 07968 017639 or 020 8660 4113.

The PAT has raised significant funds over the years for the school and much of it has been used to upgrade and enlarge our ICT facilities. You may have noticed the new projectors which have been installed into all the infant & junior classrooms and laptops have also been issued to class teachers in Years 1–6. We hope to extend this provision to the Early Years over the next few years. We have now asked the staff to give us a 'wish list' of things which they would like us to raise money for to ensure that all areas of the curriculum and school life can benefit from your generosity at our fundraising events. If any of you have any fundraising ideas that you would like us to consider then please submit them either to Jane Phillips or to Liz Clarke.